



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: OCTOBER 23, 2014

ITEM NUMBER:

SUBJECT: COSTA MESA SANITARY DISTRICT – SEWER LATERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

DATE: OCTOBER 7, 2014

FROM: PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MAINTENANCE SERVICES DIVISION

PRESENTATION BY: SCOT CARROLL, GENERAL MANAGER, COSTA MESA SANITARY DISTRICT

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: COSTA MESA SANITARY DISTRICT (949) 645-8400

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and file information.

BACKGROUND

At the August 2014 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission staff was directed by the Commission to invite the Costa Mesa Sanitary District (District) to a future meeting to provide information on the District's Sewer Lateral Assistance Program (SLAP). The program is a financial incentive program to encourage residents to maintain their lateral sewer lines. Scot Carroll, General Manager, will provide a presentation on the program and how it benefits the residents and the community.


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ATTACHMENTS: 1. Sewer Lateral Assistance Program Information

Sewer Lateral Assistance Program

The CMSD Sewer Lateral Assistance Program (SLAP) is a financial incentive program to encourage residents to maintain their lateral sewer lines. Without regular maintenance, sewer lines can become blocked and cause material to back up into the house and the environment.

The most common cause of damage to their lines are tree roots that enter the pipes. Roots not only block the flow of materials, but as they grow, they open the cracks where they entered and allow soil and other debris to enter and contribute to blockage. Without regular maintenance, the damage can become severe and costly excavation may be necessary.

In general, the CMSD's program will contribute 50% of the resident's cost up to a maximum of \$1,250 per residential parcel. Costs may include televising the lateral interior, cleaning the pipe, installing a clean out attachment, and reconstruction costs.

The program is only for residential property (not for commercial or industrial property). Residents may only apply for participation once every five years. The General Manager has discretion over all decisions.

To obtain an application click on the "Sewer Lateral Assistance Program Application" PDF below.

Purpose:	To assist and encourage residents to regularly clean and maintain their sewer lateral. Homeowners are responsible for the entire sewer lateral from the building to the point of connection (including the connection) with the District main line.
Why:	To prevent sewer backups and spills. Sewer spills cause very expensive damage to the interior of a house and the environment, particularly the beaches.
What causes sewer spills:	Laterals that are not regularly maintained become inoperable because tree roots enter the line and block the flow or misalign the pipe joints. Without regular maintenance, the damage becomes severe and excavation of the lateral is necessary. Regular maintenance will also remove other blockages including debris, rocks and grease.
Contribution by the CMSD:	<p>The CMSD will contribute 50% of the resident's costs up to a maximum of \$1,250 total per residential parcel as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to 50% of televising the lateral interior • Up to 50% of cleaning the lateral • Up to 50% of the cost of installing a clean out • Up to 50% of lateral reconstruction costs

Who can apply: The program is only available for residential property, not for commercial or industrial property.

How do I apply: Submit application with a video of your sewer lateral line. Applications can be submitted in person at CMSD, 628 W. 19th Street, Costa Mesa, 92627, faxed to (949) 650-2253, or emailed to info@cmsdca.gov . A "before" video must be submitted with application.

Program Limitations: Residents may only apply for participation in the program once every five years. The District Manager has discretion over all decisions. Residents must cooperate by adhering to the Program Requirements shown on the Application. Work must be completed within 6 months of application date.

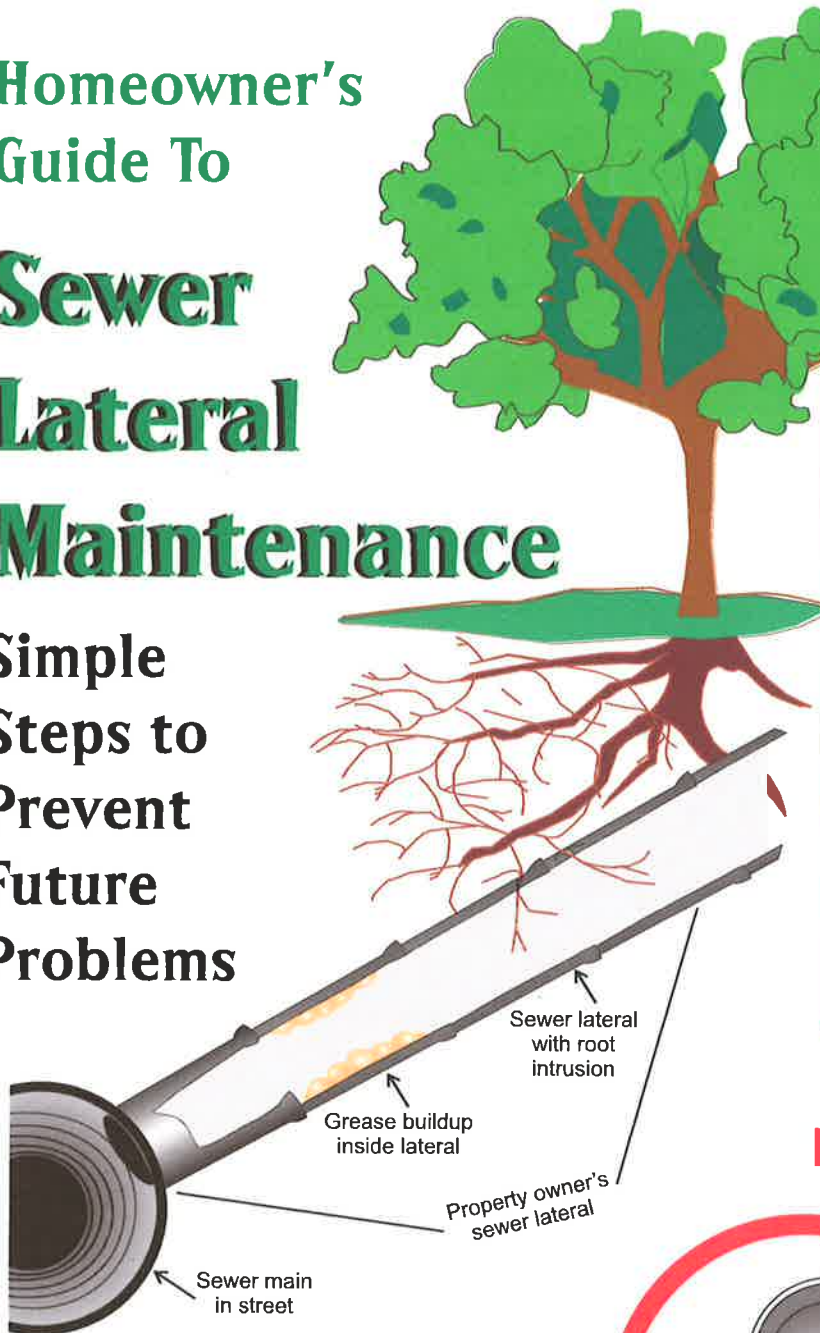
*Funding for this program is limited. Reimbursement is on a first come first served basis.

Click on the attachments below for more information:

1. [Sewer Lateral Assistance Program Application \(PDF\)](#)
2. [Sewer Maintenance for Homeowners Guide \(PDF\) \(540.45 KB\)](#)
3. [SLAP reimbursement parameters \(PDF\) \(102.61 KB\)](#)
4. [Reimbursement parameters demonstration cases A-E \(PDF\) \(27.83 KB\)](#)
5. [Reimbursement parameters demonstration cases F-H \(PDF\) \(24.56 KB\)](#)
6. [Two Way Clean Out Specifications \(PDF\) \(322.83 KB\)](#)
7. [CMSD Sewer Lateral "Surge" Notice \(PDF\) \(54.00 KB\)](#)
8. [Contractors State License Board Permit Enforcement Bulletin \(PDF\) \(368.16 KB\)](#)

Homeowner's Guide To Sewer Lateral Maintenance

Simple
Steps to
Prevent
Future
Problems



Are There Roots
Growing into
Your Sewer Line?

TREE ROOT PROBLEMS

Homeowners are responsible for keeping their sewer lateral running free and clear from the residence all the way to the point of connection to the sewer main in the center of the street. Tree roots can invade the line and restrict flow or cause a backup in the system.

Root control products costing less than \$10 are available at local hardware stores. Minor root problems can be handled with these products but a plumber may be required to cut out major root growth.

Help Yourself &
Help the Environment!

Sinks Need A
Fat Free Diet!

GREASE BLOCKAGES

Grease is Public Enemy Number 1 because it is the primary cause of sewer line blockages. Homeowners should never pour grease down the sink, instead, it should be poured into a jar with a cover. The jar should be stored under the sink and then thrown out on trash day.



YES

'Can' your
grease problems!

NO

Never pour
grease down
the drain!

